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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please add new claim 44 as follows:

44. A railway car capable of transporting automobiles in commercial rail service, said car comprising a floor, a roof, a pair of upstanding side walls, a pair of end doors, and at least one upper deck spaced above the floor of the car so that automobiles may be supported on at least two levels;

each of said upstanding side walls comprising a plurality of substantially vertical posts supporting said at least one upper deck and roof, and

a plurality of side wall panels connected to said substantially vertical posts;

each of said side wall panels extending substantially the entire height of said side wall, and some of said side wall panels having a plurality of separate groups of perforations for ventilation and lighting formed therein, with other portions of the side wall panels being imperforate to reduce admission of airborne particulates;

said groups of perforations being spaced inward from the edges of the panel and being spaced vertically from one another in each panel.

Remarks

New claim 44 has been added to further describe the invention. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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